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**TITLE:** METHOD OF PRODUCING AN ABSORBENT MATERIAL, AN ABSORBENT MATERIAL AND ABSORBENT ARTICLES INCLUDING THE MATERIAL IN QUESTION  
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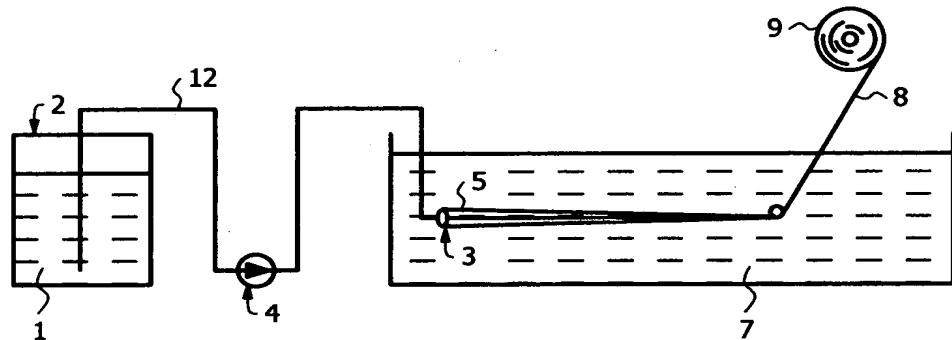
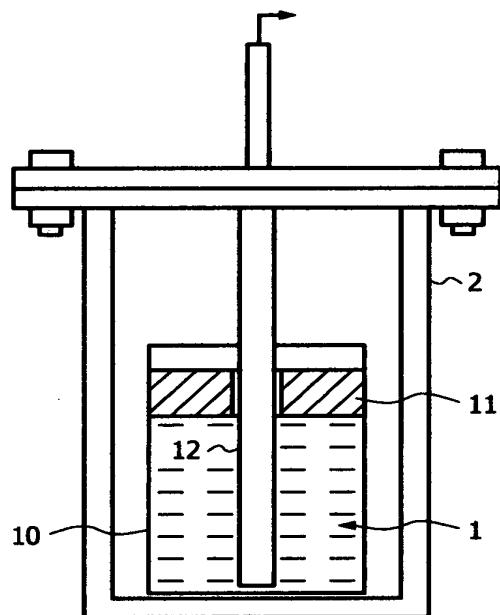


FIG. 1



**FIG. 2**



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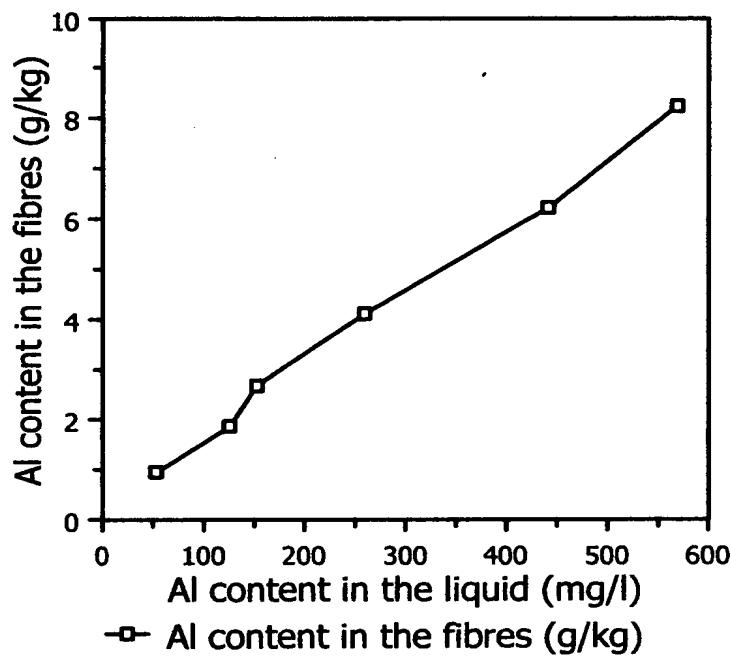


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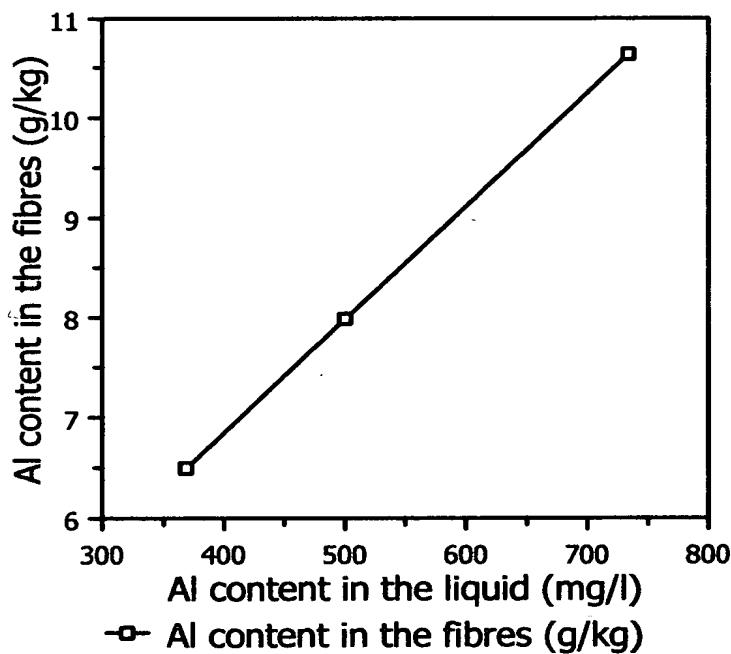


FIG. 4



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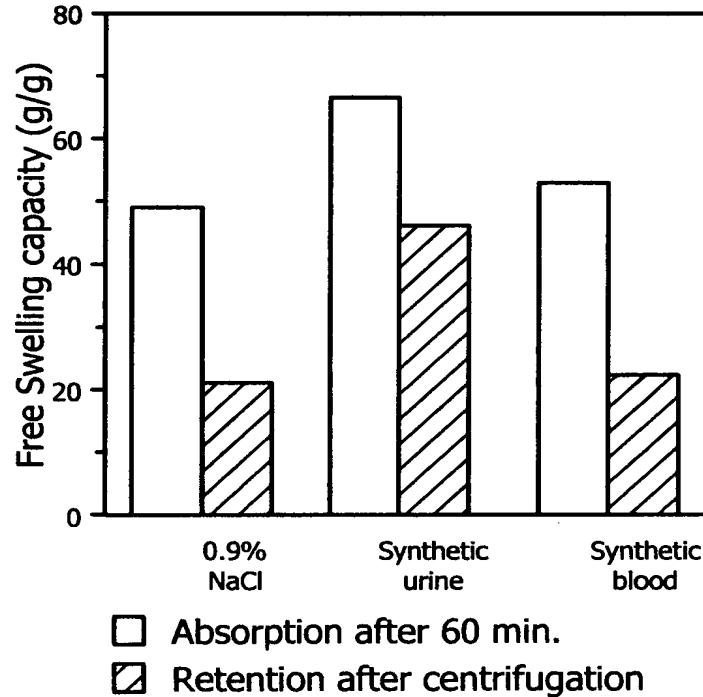


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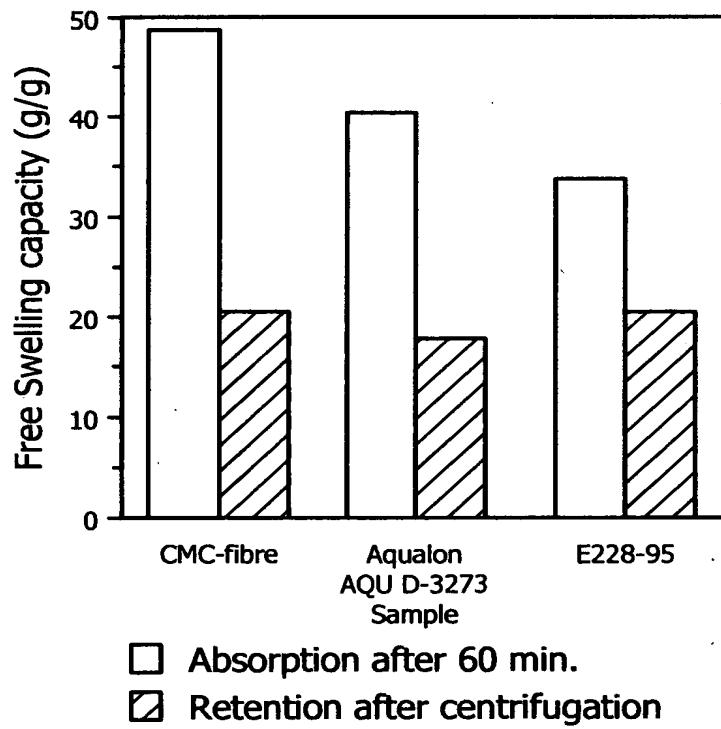


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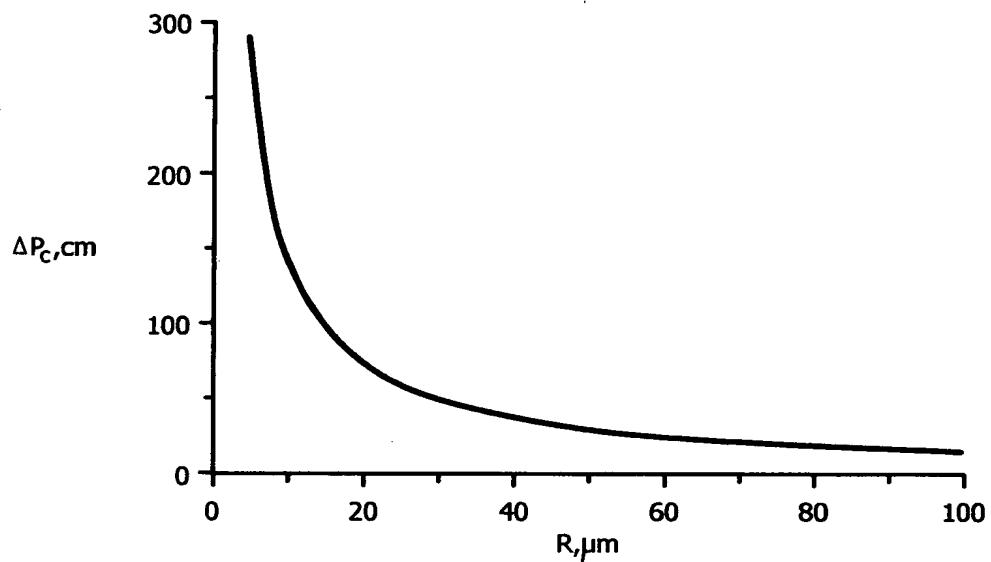


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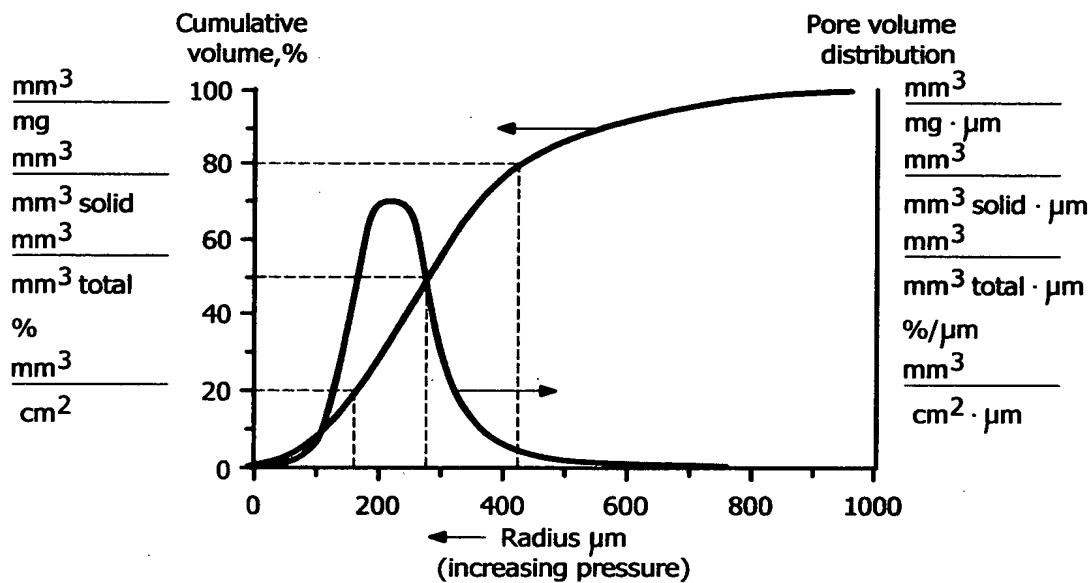


FIG. 8



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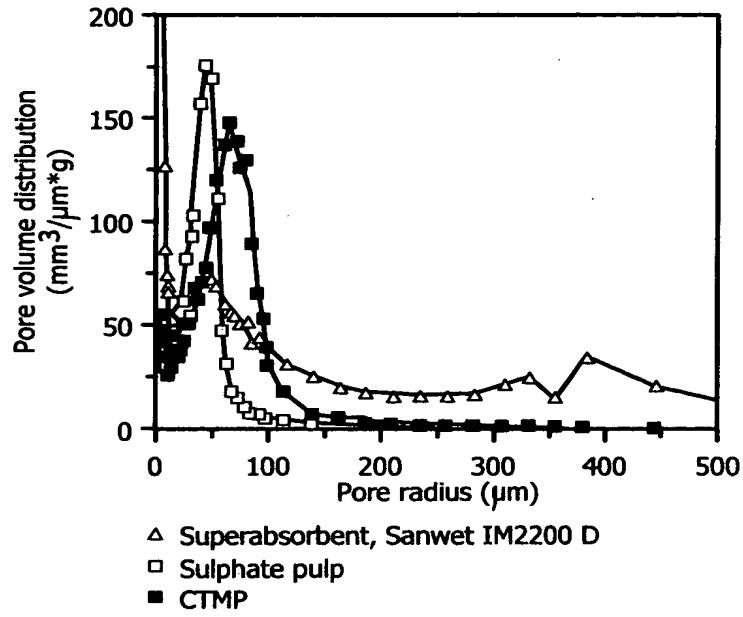


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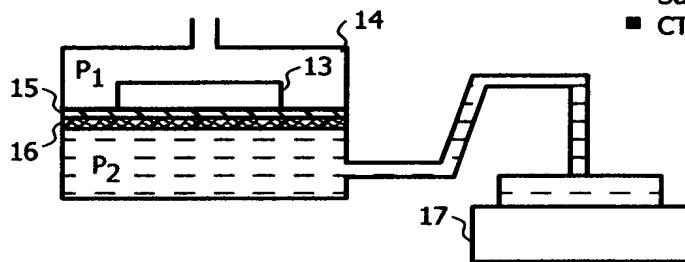


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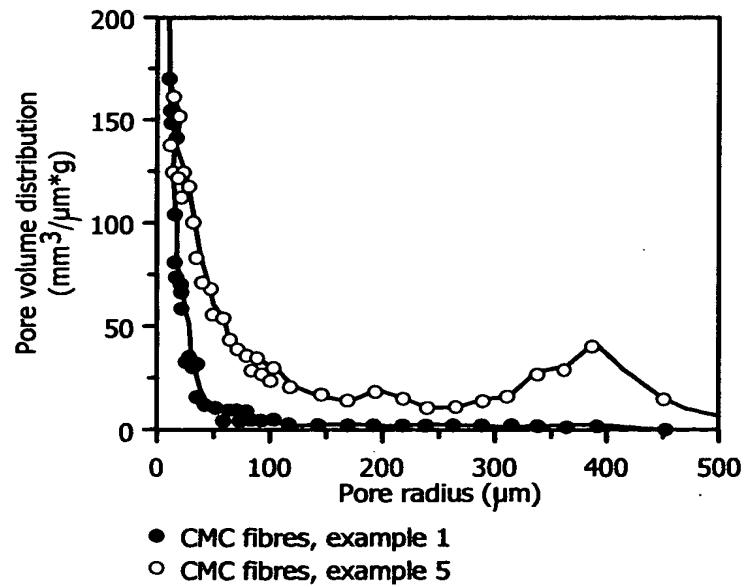


FIG. 11